

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 7, 2008 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 7, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. John Dean, Chairman, Phillip Bakke, Member, and William L. McDowell, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARD OF BID FOR OFFICIAL COUNTY LEGAL NEWSPAPER

In response to solicitation for bids for the Official County Legal Newspaper for Island County, Washington, the only bid received came from Marcia Van Dyke, Publisher, *Whidbey News-Times*, with bid quote effective for both *Whidbey News-Times* and *South Whidbey Record* for a one year period beginning July 1, 2008 of \$11.74 per inch per insertion. By unanimous motion the Board awarded bid to the *Whidbey News-Times* for the Official County Legal Newspaper.

CONSENT AGENDA

By unanimous motion the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows with the exception of item 20 (*Schedule Public Hearing – Franchise #16(R) PW-0820-41; Renewal, Puget Sound Energy; renewal of telecommunications franchise located in County rights-of-way on Whidbey Island*) to be considered at a future date following a briefing by Public Works as to legal obligations:

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS, PAYROLL, VOUCHERS, PAYMENT OF BILLS

Vouchers (War) #s 284449-284832	\$486,040.14
Electronic Fund Transfers.....	\$ 2,369.28
Payroll dated.....	March 31, 2008

MISCELLANEOUS

Minutes from Previous Meetings

Regular Sessions: March 17 and 24, 2008

Resolution C-30-08 in the Matter of the Sale or Disposal of Surplus County Property (Artwork)
(*Resolution on file with the Clerk of the Board*)

Letter of Appreciation to Island County Backcountry Horsemen

APPOINTMENTS AND/OR REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Joint Administration Board (Tourism)

Appointment of Karen Daum to the Joint Administration Board (Tourism) representing the Camano Chamber of Commerce

Substance Abuse Services Advisory Board

Re-Appointment of Jim Gervais to the Substance Abuse Services Advisory Board

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EXTENSION SERVICES

Subcontract with Washington State University. WSU Beach Watchers will conduct beach surveys for toxic creosote materials on Camano and Whidbey Islands. Subcontract No.: G002328 OGRD 110411 Amount: \$1,500 (RM-EXT-08-060)

Agreement with Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation for reimbursement to Island County of costs incurred implementing the Shore Stewards Program. Agreement No: 2008-4-IC; Amount: \$16,000 (RM-EXT-08-065)

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Contract Bond with Jesse Allen dba Jesse Allen Excavating & Construction, Bond No. 15113290. (Purchase Order No. 8702 for Libbey Beach Emergency Repair signed 3/10/08, RM-GSA-08-037)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Personnel Action Authorizations

<u>Department</u>	<u>PAA #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Public Works	054/08	Truck Driver	2241.06	Replacement Position	04/07/08
Health	057/08	Acting Public Health Director	2402.00	Personnel Action	04/07/08
Planning & Community Development	058/08	Shoreline Planner Enforcement Mgr	1709.02	Replacement Position	04/07/08
Public Works	059/08	Acting Public Works Director	2501.01	Personnel Action	04/15/08
	060/08	Acting Solid Waste Manager	1717.01	Personnel Action	03/24/08
Sheriff	061/08	Civil Records Clerk .4 fte	4022.07	Replacement Position	04/15/08
Treasurer	062/08	Accountant	2106.00	Replacement Position	06/02/08
	047/08	Chief Deputy Treasurer	2110.00	Revision to Effective Date	06/01/08

Resolution C-31-08 in the Matter of Continuing the Wellness Incentive Program/Plan for Island County Employees (*Resolution on file with the Clerk of the Board*)

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Purchase Order No. 8751 issued to Ikon Office Solutions. Purchase of one Canon 3025 copier, one Canon 5065 copier, two Canon 3035 copiers and a maintenance agreement for each. Amount: \$30,842 (RM-HLTH-08-058)

Contract with Gloria Kohler, M.A. for Mental Health/Millage Special Project. Contract for professional services to provide a support group for seniors. Contract No: HS-02-08; Amount: \$3,500 (RM-HLTH-08-014)

PUBLIC WORKS

County Roads

RAP Agreement with County Road Administration Board (CRAB), Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement at Arrowhead Road. Amount: \$970,554 (CRAB) (PW-0820-40)

Agreement with Wessen & Associates, Inc. for Archaeology/History On-Call Services Agreement (PW-0720-97)

Resolution C-32-08/R-09-08 in the Matter of the Adoption of the April 2008 Local Agency Guidelines, Appendix 25.142 (Real Property Acquisition & Right-of-Way Procedures) (*Resolution on file with the Clerk of the Board*)

Adopt-A-Road Litter Agreement Renewal with “Concerned Citizen” (Thomas E. Carsten) for Crescent Harbor Road: Hunt Road to two-tenths of a mile East of Taylor Road

Adopt-A-Road Litter Agreement Renewal with M & T Hanging Baskets (Thomas E. Carsten) for Taylor Road: Crescent Harbor Road to Fakkema Road

Public Hearing Scheduled – April 28, 2008 – 2:15 p.m.

Ordinance C-33-08/R-10-08 Regulating Speed Limit on Langley Road, Amending Island County Code Title X, Chapter 10.01

Public Works

Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Ambia, Inc. Revise completion date to September 1, 2008. (PW-0720-03(C))

Facilities Services Agreement Addendum No. 1 with Town of Coupeville, renewal of five-year cycle. (RM-PW-07-0128)

LIQUOR LICENSE

Application for Special Occasion Liquor License No. 092063 by the Forgotten Childrens Fund for a special occasion to be held on July 19, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the M Bar C Ranch, 5264 Shore Meadow Rd., Freeland

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

**HEARING HELD: FRANCHISE # 339 - BUSH POINT BEACH ASSOCIATION
RENEWAL OF EXISTING WATER DISTRIBUTION LINE FRANCHISE LOCATED IN
THE PLAT OF BUSH POINT BEACH**

At 10:19 a.m. a public hearing was held to consider a renewal of the Bush Point Beach Association existing water distribution line franchise # 339 located in the Plat of Bush Point Beach, Div. #1, Sec. 6, Twp 29N, R 2E, Whidbey Island.

Bill Oakes, Public Works Director, indicated the public hearing is for the purpose of renewing the franchise of an existing water distribution line located in the Plat of Bush Point Beach, Div. #1. All departments with oversight of the franchise, including Public Works, are recommending approval.

The Chairman opened the public comment portion of the hearing and there being none public comment was closed.

By unanimous motion the Board approved Franchise # 339, Bush Point Beach Association Renewal of Existing Water Distribution Line Franchise located in the Plat of Bush Point Beach, Div. #1, Sec. 6, Twp 29N, R.2E, Whidbey Island.

**HEARING HELD; ORDINANCE C-24-08/R-06-08 IN THE MATTER OF
ESTABLISHING ISLAND COUNTY ADOPT-A-ROAD NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL
PROGRAM AND REVISING ISLAND COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 12.28**

At 10:21 a.m. a public hearing was held to consider Ordinance C-24-08/R-06-08 in the Matter of Establishing Island County Adopt-A-Road Noxious Weed Control Program and Revising Island County Code Chapter 12.28.

Mr. Oakes said the County for a long period of time has had in place an Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program and Public Works was approached by several organizations within the County to expand the program to noxious weed control. After review and consideration Public Works incorporated the request into the Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program; therefore, all the same requirements and safeguards are transferred into the new program. The following applies:

- Safety training is required of volunteer groups;
- Volunteers may obtain safety outerwear from Public Works for the days they are volunteering on the road;
- Volunteers are required to address each road twice a year;
- Term of the agreement is two years.

Mr. Oakes said the County is happy for the help and looks forward to having the program in place. He recommends approval.

The Chairman opened the public comment portion of the hearing.

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Barbara Kolar, 3074 Smugglers Cove Road, Greenbank. Ms. Kolar is part of the Native Plant Stewards who initiated the idea for 2007 Earth Day and is supportive of the ordinance. She is glad that Public Works has taken the initiative.

Peggy Burton, 901 NE Center Street, Coupeville. Ms. Burton participates with the Coupeville Garden Club and at present, the Garden Club takes part in the Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program just outside the Coupeville city limits to Libbey Road. The Garden Club is also currently working both sides of the road to help with the portion belonging to NAS Whidbey. She believes that Scotchbroom is the most important noxious weed as it is growing exponentially and volunteers are in need of tools to remove it. She had two questions of the Board: (1) would the ordinance involve the whole of Island County, including state roads; and, (2) will tools be provided (“weed wrenches” are difficult to use). Ms. Burton believes help may be received from military wives and she thanked the County for attending to the problem.

Mr. Oakes indicated this is only a program for County roads since the County does not control state highways. The state has an Adopt-A-Road for Litter Control Program but Mr. Oakes does not believe it has a vegetation program similar to Island County. With respect to tools he said as the program evolves the County may provide the necessary tools but currently, tools are not in stock and available to volunteers at this point.

Gordon Burton, 901 NE Center Street, Coupeville. Mr. Burton asked when training would occur and when volunteers could begin the work. He would like to start as soon as possible before the current crop of Scotchbroom goes to seed.

Mark Fesler, 3074 Smugglers Cove Road, Greenbank. Mr. Fesler said he works with Native Plant Stewards and the State Parks Stewardship Program and both are in the process of putting together a brochure which addresses a couple of different methodologies for the removal of Scotchbroom, including the use of weed wrenches, lopping, and disposal. There is also a biological control of Scotchbroom being released known as a “seed weevil” (weevil that eats the seed of the Scotchbroom). Mr. Fesler said they are working on a tool share bank so that weed wrenches would be available for a number of volunteer groups so long as the need is staggered. He also approves of the program.

Sharon Dunn, 2678 Currant Court, Greenbank. Ms. Dunn is a Native Plant Steward and would like to add her voice of support for the program.

The Chairman closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

In answer to a question from the Chairman concerning plant identification training, Mr. Oakes responded that Public Works is currently working with the Extension department for training or the creation of brochures that will identify the weeds. He said that anyone under the age of 15 is not allowed to participate due to liability issues, just 15 and above are permitted to work with adult supervision. There must be one adult supervisor for every eight people under the age of 18.

Commissioner McDowell moved to approve Ordinance C-24-08/R-06-08 in the Matter of Establishing Island County Adopt-A-Road Noxious Weed Control Program and Revising Island County Code Chapter 12.28 with comment.

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Commissioner McDowell encouraged Mr. Oakes to soon implement the training. In the short term there are some tools available for people who wish to volunteer and if what is available proves to not be sufficient, he also encouraged Mr. Oakes to evaluate the shortage and determine the need. He thanked those interested in volunteering saying that such volunteering makes counties work.

Commissioner Bakke seconded the motion and agreed with Commissioner McDowell's comments. The Commissioner suggested this may be a good time for Mr. Oakes to talk with Planning, when developing the training program, since Planning is creating a training and outreach program for the new wetland regulations. Another list of people who are active in the community and possibly interested in volunteering may be generated from that discussion. Commissioner Bakke thanked the citizens for their volunteer efforts saying the County would not be the great community it is if it were not for the many volunteers. The County certainly could not do all the work on its own.

Chairman Dean echoed to the volunteers the comments of appreciation from Commissioners McDowell and Bakke. When a program such as this begins it creates a lot of attention and he hopes to see the volunteers in the newspaper with the word getting out there.

It was moved and seconded to approve Ordinance C-24-08/R-06-08 in the Matter of Establishing Island County Adopt-A-Road Noxious Weed Control Program and Revising Island County Code Chapter 12.28, effective April 7, 2008, unanimously carried.

**HEARING CONTINUED: RESOLUTION C-18-08 AMENDING THE 2007 ISLAND
COUNTY BUDGET**

**HEARING CONTINUED: RESOLUTION C-19-08 AMENDING THE 2008 ISLAND
COUNTY BUDGET**

Due to unforeseen circumstances it was requested that the public hearings on Resolution C-18-08 Amending the 2007 Island County Budget and Resolution C-19-08 Amending the 2008 Island County Budget be continued to April 14, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

By unanimous motion the Board approved continuing the public hearings on Resolution C-18-08 Amending the 2007 Island County Budget and Resolution C-19-08 Amending the 2008 Island County Budget to April 14, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCED

Chairman Dean announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session under the provision of RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment, to be held in Conference Room #218, County Administration Building, 1 N. E. 7th Street, Coupeville. It was anticipated that the Executive Session would last approximately one hour and the Chairman did not expect an announcement afterwards in open public session.

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There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. following Executive Session. The Board will meet next in Regular Session on April 14, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

John Dean, Chairman

Phillip Bakke, Member

William L. McDowell, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board